

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE - PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING OF: JUNE 25, 2009

DEPARTMENT: PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DIRECTOR: M. MARGO WHEELER

☐ Consent ☒ Discussion

SUBJECT:

VAR-34467 - VARIANCE - PUBLIC HEARING - APPLICANT: COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN NEVADA - OWNER: UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS - Request for a Variance TO ALLOW AN EIGHT-FOOT RETAINING WALL WHERE FOUR FEET IS THE MAXIMUM HEIGHT ALLOWED on a portion of a 75.82 acre site at the northeast corner of Oakey Boulevard and Torrey Pines Drive (APN 163-02-501-002), C-V (Civic) Zone, Ward 1 (Tarkanian)

FINAL ACTION

PROTESTS RECEIVED BEFORE:

Planning Commission Mtg.

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City Council Meeting

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APPROVALS RECEIVED BEFORE:

Planning Commission Mtg.

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City Council Meeting

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RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVAL

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

1. Location and Aerial Maps
2. Conditions and Staff Report
3. Supporting Documentation
4. Photos
5. Justification Letter
6. Support Letter/Postcard
7. Submitted after Final Agenda – Support Postcards
8. Submitted after Meeting – Recordation Notice of Planning Commission Action and Conditions of Approval for Items 20-22

Motion made by VICKI QUINN to Approve subject to condition

Passed For: 5; Against: 0; Abstain: 0; Did Not Vote: 0; Excused: 2

KEEN ELLSWORTH, VICKI QUINN, BYRON GOYNES, GLENN TROWBRIDGE, STEVEN EVANS; (Against-None); (Abstain-None); (Did Not Vote-None); (Excused-MICHAEL E. BUCKLEY, RICHARD TRUESDELL)

Minutes:

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing open.

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DOUG RANKIN, Planning and Development, stated the proposed retaining wall provides for proper drainage towards Torrey Pines Drive. The topography of the site is unusual and does create a hardship for the applicant; therefore, staff recommended approval.

ROBERT CUNNINGHAM, Taney Engineering, 1630 South Jones Boulevard, appeared on behalf of the applicant and explained that the wall would be eight feet and situated between the Opportunity Village and the College of Southern Nevada (CSN) properties. He pointed out that the subject property is approximately nine feet below the elevation of Torrey Pines Drive, so the goal is to be proactive in leveling the site for future development. A copy of a letter of support from Opportunity Village was previously submitted to staff, and they believe the wall will be an added security measure.

SHERRI PAYNE, CSN, confirmed Opportunity Village's support and was excited about its development, along with the upcoming fire station on Oakey Boulevard and Torrey Pines Drive.

CHERI EDELMAN, Public Works, noted the project was being developed in conjunction with the City of Las Vegas and CSN and respectfully requested the Commission's approval. COMMISSIONER QUINN appreciated Public Works' representation, as it helps to alleviate questions or concerns.

CHAIR TROWBRIDGE declared the Public Hearing closed.